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PUTER ON THE STAND BEFORE GRAND JURY

Most Vigorous Inquiry Into the Land Swindles Begun—Mitchell and Hermann Hurry Home.

Loomis and Ormsby Who Made False Reports to Government Sought with Subpoenas, But Latter Cannot Be Found.

Behind the closed doors of the federal grand jury room began this morning the inquisition which is expected to result in the indictment of the greater criminals in the huge conspiracy to defraud the government of its public lands. Puter is also to undergo inquisition. Men of public life and in the affairs of the state.

Senator John H. Mitchell and Congressman Blinger Hermann are hurrying home from Washington to face the grand jury and make an effort to clear themselves of complicity in the frauds. R. B. Ormsby and C. H. Loomis, the former employees of the land department who made false reports upon the fraudulent homestead entries of the Puter-McKinley ring, must face a rigid examination before the grand jury and it is confidently expected that these familiar with the facts that they will both be indicted.

RACE OF GIANTS NINE FEET HIGH

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—After a year's visit to the land of the Eskimos, Capt. Christian Jensen, "represented to the Eskimos the traditional and almost legendary tribe of giants, stories of which have been brought down until they regarded the race as mythical. They cannot speak the language of the Eskimos, and could only make known by signs that they had been driven from their homes in the interior by great storms and severe cold weather."



DAN O'NEIL PASSES ON

Well-Known Pioneer and Steamboatman Dies at Holmes' Farm. CAME WITH REGIMENT OF MOUNTED RIFLES

Used Her Guests TO SMUGGLE GEMS Mrs. Chadwick's Tour of Europe with Young Ladies Was Business Venture.

EACH GIRL CONCEALED FORTUNE IN DIAMONDS Ten Society Misses Used as Tools by High Priestess of Frenzied Finance.

MRS. CHADWICK'S TREASURE Steamer, Trunk and Valise Supposed to Contain Jewelry and Papers.

DR. CHADWICK SAILS. London, Dec. 19.—Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick sailed today for New York on the steamer Pretoria, accompanied by his daughter. He said that he would help defend his wife.

RYTHER CHILD'S HOME IN TURMOIL Charged that It is Recruiting Station for Hosts of Dowie.

THREE KANGEROOS. Rome, Ga., Dec. 19.—The execution today of Jack Bone is the first of three hangings which are slated to take place in the county jail here during the next 24 hours.

QUALITY OF TURKEYS BETTER THAN EVER. Turkeys 25 cents a pound. As during the Thanksgiving season, the prospects now are that the supply of turkeys for Christmas will be smaller, but dealers believe there will be enough to go around at the price.

DEBENTURE KILLS RIVAL. New Elm, Dec. 19.—Dr. George Koch, a prominent young dentist, has been charged with the brutal murder of a business rival, Dr. Gebhardt. He was arrested this morning and pleaded "not guilty." The trial was set for December 21.

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CAME WITH REGIMENT OF MOUNTED RIFLES Many Friends Will Pay Last Respect to a Useful, Unassuming Man Who Helped Build the State of Oregon.

Dan O'Neil finished his last voyage yesterday evening at 11:20. Death occurred the frail craft at the old Holmes farm, near Oregon City, and tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock his funeral will be held. He was born in Duaneburg, N. Y., Jan. 6, 1828.

From the time that Dan O'Neil reached Oregon in 1848, with the mounted rifle regiment of the United States, until the prolonged illness that terminated in death, he was known to most Oregonians as the first steamboatman on the Columbia river.

In 1858 Mr. O'Neil went to Melbourne, Australia, and engaged successfully in business. Five years later he returned to Oregon and married Miss Mirvina Holmes, daughter of a pioneer of 1842, who lived near Oregon City. Bride and groom returned to Australia, where O'Neil's Melbourne business prospered until 1878, when he sold to his partner, realizing a few thousands in cash, and taking heavily the paper of the purchaser. A tour around the world for the Oregon man and his wife terminated miserably with the loss of his partner's fortune. With the few thousand dollars he had he and O'Neil courageously went to England and bought another stock of goods for Melbourne. Fate was against them, and the vessel bearing his all burned at the dock in Melbourne a few days after arrival there, and the loss had not a cent of insurance to recoup.

The double disaster in Australia territory, Dan O'Neil returned to Oregon. Theodore Wygant, secretary of the Oregon Steam Navigation company, gave him the news of the vessel bearing his all burned at the dock in Melbourne a few days after arrival there, and the loss had not a cent of insurance to recoup.

The funeral to be at Rose Farm, near the old family home. Friends in this city have arranged to attend, to pay their tribute to an unassuming, useful man, who will long be remembered by the state builders of Oregon.

RICH WIFE LEAVES THE EX-UNKISSED. London, Dec. 19.—Gladstone Downie, formerly Ruth Hofer, has returned to her home on the shores of Lake Constance, says the Geneva correspondent of the Daily Mail.

"After five months' stay in Zion City she discovered that it was her money and not herself that Gladstone Downie, the "unkissed" son of "Elijah the Prophet," was in love with.

"She married him, she was unhappy. She found herself, instead of being a wife, in reality, a sort of an upper servant. The neglect was continual and the hypocrisy practiced opened her eyes to the true state of affairs, and Downie's posing as a restorer of Zion was the last straw."

"She determined to quit Zion City at all costs. The Dowies at first refused to let her go. She threatened to run away and finally they gave in. Her mother sent her money and disinterested, broken in health and spirit, she arrived at her old home the other day. Her brothers, who are rich manufacturers in Glasgow, are delighted to see the sister out of the clutches of the Dowies. Miss Hofer was considered the richest and most beautiful girl in the country, and her fortune is estimated at \$5,000,000."

MOSCOW RIOTS RESULT IN DEATH OF FOUR STUDENTS. St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Dispatches from Moscow state that the casualties of the anti-war demonstrations in which 3,000 students participated yesterday were four students killed and 40 injured. Three hundred students have been arrested.

SOCIETY BELLES AS WASH-ERWOMEN. Washington, Dec. 19.—Washington society is staggered at the announcement that two of its members are about to open a laundry. They are young women whose names for several seasons past have figured on the most exclusive dinner lists, and who have been belle at many dances in the most elegant ball-rooms.

FOUR MEN DIE IN FIRE ON OIL BARGE

New York, Dec. 19.—Four men were killed and four seriously injured in the burning of the Standard Oil company's barge No. 31, off the New Jersey coast yesterday. The fire was caused by an explosion which blew up the deck and set fire to millions of gallons of oil.

WITNESS TESTIFIES PLUNGER SHOT SELF. Cigar Dealer States He Saw Caesar Young Shoot Himself with Revolver.

HELD GUN IN BOTH HANDS FELL OVER AFTER SHOT. First Witness Who Actually Saw Shooting Exonerates Flora Dora Girl.

New York, Dec. 19.—Nan Patterson will go on the witness-stand to tell the story of her relations with Caesar Young and all the circumstances which led up to the bookmaker's death. Ten witnesses subpoenaed by the defense will be called to the stand today to refute the prosecution's case.

Miss Patterson came into court this morning dressed in black. She greeted her father affectionately. The Earl of Suffolk was present this morning and took a deep interest in the proceedings.

Edward Grossman, son of a cigar dealer, testified that he was in the vicinity of West Broadway and York street on the morning of June 4 and saw a hansom cab with a woman holding each other's hands pass. He saw the girl drop her hands, then he saw a red flame and the man fell over. A revolver was in his two hands. Then she put her hand to his head.

Nan Patterson took the stand after recess. She answered her counsel's questions in a faint, constrained voice. She told of her first marriage and divorce and of her meeting Young on the train while going to California, and of their subsequent intimate relations. She obtained a divorce at his suggestion. She accompanied Young on various trips to Chicago and New York. She said she was with Young the evening of May 3 at the Hotel Navarre, and several drinks were ordered. She then took a drive with Young.

PIPE OIL STREAM ACROSS CONTINENT

Starting from Indian Territory Petroleum Will Be Pumped to New York City.

Red Fork, I. T., Dec. 19.—A sluggish stream of oil will be the near future by pushing half way across the continent. Starting from Red Ford, it will cross Kansas and Missouri, then under the Mississippi river, across Illinois and Indiana to Chicago and New York.

ELECTION FRAUDS SEND POLITICIANS TO PRISON. Denver, Dec. 19.—The supreme court today sent another batch of Democratic election officials to jail for frauds in which 2,000 students participated yesterday.

MME. MODJESKA APPEARS ON VAUDEVILLE STAGE. New York, Dec. 19.—The latest of the vaudeville stars to be recruited from the ranks of the legitimate players is Mme. Modjeska, who, after refusing many offers, has finally consented to appear upon the vaudeville stage during the remainder of the season.

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OFFICIALS TREMBLING

Councilmen Learn Grand Jury Will Investigate Garbage Franchise.

ATTEMPTS JOB THAT JUST MISSED SUCCESS. Details of the Manner in Which the Business Was to Have Been Operated and Compensation for Votes.

Consternation was caused in city hall circles today when the rumor became current that the grand jury was about to make an investigation of the attempted garbage franchise graft, in which the names of five councilmen are connected.

In all probability as soon as they have disposed of the charges of extortion made by Ferdinand Joplin against B. D. Sigler, councilman from the Fifth ward and county assessor-elect, and have completed their inquiry into the Front street bridge scandal, in which Councilman Rumelin's name is linked, the grand jurors will attempt to unravel the garbage mystery.

The attempt was made to get the franchise and levy a tax upon the people, there seems no doubt and the announcement that five or six members of the council were interested in the deal caused it to fall through. Only one of the companies proposed giving anything in return. They fixed a flat rate to be charged property owners for the collection of the garbage, which was enormous and out of all proportion to the benefits to be derived by the residents and merchants. Their franchise was to be exclusive, and no property owner was to be allowed to dispose of his garbage in any other way than by turning it over to them.

It was currently reported that several councilmen were interested in the company promoted by M. Reinstein, and that they would use their influence to turn the franchise over to him.

When the citizens heard of the rumors regarding the proposed deal they indignantly protested and the council was forced to table the franchise.

The proposed grant of the franchise was one of the boldest attempts to job the public which has ever been perpetrated in this city. It is said that five councilmen were to receive an allotment of stock equal in value to \$5,000, in reward in awarding the franchise to the company.

They were to be allowed to retain this stock if they desired; if not they could turn it back into the company and receive the face value of the stock in cash. The entire city was mapped, and it was known just what amounts were to be received each month in collections. Every individual, if occupying only two rooms, was to be forced to pay his monthly dues to the company for picking up his garbage.

Such a plan if carried to a successful issue would have been worth a large sum to the company.

WRECKAGE INDICATES SHIP IS LOST AT SEA. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 19.—Word has been received here that wreckage is coming ashore at Cloose, near Carmanah, on the west coast of Vancouver island. The wreckage consists of a large boiler and empty salmon tins of corn bread marked with a green cross and red letters.

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JAPS SAIL TO BATTLE

Fleet of Forty Vessels Now Enroute to Meet Baltic Fleet.

MIKADO PLANS TO STRIKE BEFORE RUSSIANS UNITE. Aim to Destroy Rojestvensky's Fleet, Which is Now in Two Divisions, Before Squadrons Get Together.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The Japanese have dispatched a fleet of 40 vessels to meet and destroy the Russian Baltic fleet. This news has come to the government from official sources in Tokyo, the original source of information being the American consul at the island of Formosa.

The news of the government is contained in the following Tokyo cable: "It is reported that a Japanese fleet of 40 vessels passed the Pescadore islands yesterday going south. The report is confirmed here."

Various theories are offered as to the destination of the Japanese. The Russian fleet is in two divisions, one just entering the Indian ocean from the Red sea, the other near the Cape of Good Hope. It is likely the Japanese plan to strike them before they unite.

The great naval battle of the war is at hand.

TORPEDO BATTLE. Togo Describes Torpedoing of Battleship Sevastopol.

Tokio, Dec. 19.—Admiral Togo reports regarding the Japanese torpedo flotilla attacks against the battleship Sevastopol outside Port Arthur, Dec. 14. The attack was made at midnight. A shot struck Commander Mitamura's torpedo boat, and four shots hit Commander Nakamura's boat, wounding three sailors.

"Flotilla advanced to attack separately. While retreating, one torpedo boat received several shots, her commander, Lieutenant Nakahara, and five of her crew being killed. Lieutenant Nakahara's boat came to the rescue. He had one man killed, but rescued the crew and abandoned the boat to her fate.

"Commander Kawase's boat was struck by a shell, killing one of the crew and wounding Lieutenant Takahashi and two sailors. Lieutenant Shono's boat was struck by a shell, killing five and five wounded, while the boat was temporarily disabled.

"All other boats succeeded in delivering the attack without receiving any damage. The result of the attack is not definitely known, although it is evident that numerous torpedoes took effect."

SHIP IS CAPTURED. Tokyo, Dec. 19.—The report that the Japanese have stormed and captured the North fort at east Keekwan mountain, after exploding a mine under the fortifications, is confirmed.

PRESIDENT RECONSIDERS JUDGE BAKER'S REMOVAL. Washington, Dec. 19.—President Roosevelt today reconsidered his action dismissing Judge Benjamin S. Baker of the supreme court of New Mexico, and after giving a full hearing on the merits of the case, revoked the order. As Baker doesn't care to serve longer he tendered his resignation, which will be accepted.

FRENCH MARQUETTE MORTGAGE. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 19.—At a special meeting here today the stockholders of the Pere Marquette road voted to authorize the execution of a mortgage for \$50,000,000 in lieu of the refunding mortgage for \$55,000,000, dated July 11, 1904, which will be canceled. The new bonds will run for 10 years and will bear 4 per cent interest.

laundry business to get an assured means of livelihood. They already have a large amount of work promised. The mother of the Muller girls was Miss Rebecca Williamson, a native of Baltimore before and during the civil war. After her marriage she moved to New York City, where she became known as Mrs. Muller. She was a very successful business woman and was one of the most prominent women in Washington.